

MINUTES OF MEETING—April 6, 2010

A meeting of the Dedham Finance Committee was called to order at 6:32 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the Lower Conference Room 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, MA.
Mr. David Martin, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, William Podolski, John Heffernan, William McKinney,
Susan Carney, Laura Timmins, Kevin Young, and Mark Driscoll,
MEMBERS ABSENT: Derek Moulton

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Martin, Chairman of the committee called the meeting to order, and spoke on concerns of Committee members who were asking questions as to what the driving force behind this adoption that this will become law sooner rather than later, and that there is some other benefit beyond just having a more energy efficient building code.

Mrs. LeClair was asked to speak on article 39 the stretch energy code and she introduced Ms. O'Donnell, Chair of the Sustainability Committee.

Ms. O'Donnell said that the State of Massachusetts will be adopting the energy code and in 2012 this code will become a part of the Building code for the Town without any action by town meeting. She continued to say that if adopted Dedham would become a 'green community', and it makes the Town eligible for grants. Committee members asked if there were any negative impacts if this article was not voted at Town Meeting, and Ms. O'Donnell responded to their questions. She continued to say that there were two ways to comply with the energy code, first if you are doing an additions or a renovations you have two options the first is a prescriptive way and a performance way. The performance way, you would be hiring a HERS (Home Energy Rating System) and these raters can cost a home owner some where between \$400 and \$1500 and this is because these are private people, also, there is the cost of materials which is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$8,000, and once the work is completed they have a check-list that indicates you have met the requirements. The prescriptive way is that you follow the energy star guidelines so you have a choice of hiring the rater or not if you are doing renovations or additions. If you are building or new construction then yes you have to hire those raters. A Discussion on the cost to the home owner started and Committee members questioned how these costs were to be distributed, and Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. LeClair answered saying yes there is a cost but there is also savings in a better built home. Committee members questioned the cost of adding an addition to an existing home, where the home owner has saved up for the work to be done and now has to pay some other upfront unanticipated costs which could stop the additional work.

The next item for discussion is article 41 to accept MGL Chapter 43D and designate a priority development site on Rustcraft Road with a map that identified three parcels. Mrs. Baker said the parcels are identified on the Assessors map are owned by the same entity. Committee members asked questions on the development of this property, and Mr. Keegan, and Mrs. Baker responded saying that the approval process is still in place, it does expedite the process but a developer still has to go through the same permitting process, and go before all of the boards and commissions before they can start a project. Mr. Martin said that this article should be moved to next Tuesday, April 13.

The next item brought up is the Blue Hills Regional School professional development School to Careers program, Committee members questioned how many students and how many teachers are involved.

Mr. Martin called for a close to the public hearings on everything with the exception of articles 2, 4, 12, 13, 23, 24, 33, and 37, and begins deliberations asking Mr. Heffernan to make the motions and read the recommendations for each warrant article.

Article 1 does not require a motion.

Article 2, Personnel By-Law Changes, is moved to April 13.

Mr. Martin spoke on article 3 Town Operating Budget, and in particular the Parks and Recreation department, and has been in contact with their Chairman Mr. Ledda their desire is to replace the current director with another director so they want to keep the same structure. He continued to say that in keeping

with Mr. Keegan managerial philosophy, although the Parks and Recreation is their own unit, but if we were going to think about whether or we are going to replace an existing position this is an excellent opportunity to engage in that process. Mr. Martin said he wasn't sure if we should decrease the amount we have budgeted for salaries so that we cover the existing directors accrued vacation and sick time buy back, and transfer the balance into the reserve fund. This way if they want to come back to us in the fiscal year we can move that money back. He continued to say that this something Committee normally does not do take away funding for a position, and asked the Committee for their responses. Committee members went back and forth on whether to keep the money or move it into a salary reserve account, and whether we need the position and or the staffing at the current level. A discussion among the Committee members started with Mr. Keegan making his comments as to the process without a full analysis of the department, and this department has a maintenance component that could be moved under the responsibility of another department. Mr. Martin asked the Committee to move this article off to next week, until we can get more information from the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Article 4, Capital Improvements for FY2011, is deferred to April 13.

Article 5, Salaries of Elected Officials,

A motion by J. Heffernan that salaries of elected officials be fixed as follows for Fiscal Year 2011: Selectmen Chairperson \$818, Selectmen Each Member \$518, Town Clerk \$83,392.43 which includes retroactive pay for FY 2010, Assessors, Each Member \$2,300, Board of Health, Each Member \$350, and seconded by L. Timmins it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: To accept the salaries of elected officials as stated above,

Article 6, Appropriation for MWRA Assessment,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by L. Timmins it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 7, Transfers from prior year's special articles,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by W. Podolski it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8, Appropriation for prior years' bills,

A motion by J. Heffernan that the Town be authorized to pay Russell Disposal Inc. \$91,000.00 for Yard Waste Services in the prior year from the amount transferred in article 9, and seconded by L. Timmins it was: **Voted In Favor 8-0:** That it be so voted as stated above.

Article 9 Line item transfers for current fiscal year that it be so voted

A motion by J. Heffernan that the following sums of money, totaling \$731,572, be transferred from current appropriation, as scheduled below, to meet additional expenses for the current fiscal year, and seconded by L. Timmins it was: **Voted In Favor 8-0:** That it be so voted as stated above.

Article 10, Appropriation to stabilization fund,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by L. Timmins it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 11, Special purpose stabilization funds - create

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by S. Carney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 12 and Article 13 are deferred to April 13.

Article 14 Lease / Purchase agreements,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by S. Carney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 15, Reports to Town Committees,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by W. McKinney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 16, Appropriation for Sewer Mitigation fund,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by S. Carney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 17, Revolving Funds,

A motion by J. Heffernan that the Town authorize the use of revolving funds pursuant to G.L. C.44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 to be credited with receipts from the designated revenue

sources to be expended under the authority and direction of the designated agencies or officials, for the stated purposes, not to exceed the spending limits, respectively, as presented in the chart above, and seconded by W. McKinney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 18 Conservation Commission Filing Fees,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by L. Timmins it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 19 Certification of all Real & Personal Property,

A motion by J. Heffernan that the sum of \$100,000 be appropriated from Free Cash for the Board of Assessors certification of all Real and Personal Property values located within the Town of Dedham, as required by the Massachusetts General Laws, and seconded by L. Timmins it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 20 Appropriation for Sewer Enterprise Fund,

A motion by J. Heffernan *that the following sums be appropriated for the fiscal year 2011 to operate the Sewer Enterprise:*

Expenses appropriated in this article:

<i>MWRA Assessment</i>	4,800,000
<i>Sewer Mitigation</i>	<u>25,000</u>
	4,825,000

Included in Article 3 Budgets:

<i>Selectmen/TA Personnel Services</i>	\$7,070
<i>Audit</i>	4,700
<i>Dept of Finance Personnel Services</i>	203,000
<i>Dept of Finance Purchase of Services</i>	50,000
<i>Central Postage</i>	15,800
<i>DPW Personnel Services</i>	90,300
<i>DPW Overtime</i>	13,000
<i>DPW Purchase of Services</i>	142,000
<i>DPW Supplies</i>	12,000
<i>Infra. Engineering Personnel Services</i>	142,700
<i>Infra. Engineering Purchase of Services</i>	25,000
<i>Infra. Engineering Supplies</i>	10,000
<i>Contributory Pensions</i>	31,300
<i>Employee & Retiree Health Insurance</i>	44,000
<i>Medicare Tax</i>	6,100
<i>Debt Service</i>	<u>148,950</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	945,920

Included in Article 4:

<i>Sewer Repair & Improvements (Item F)</i>	400,000
<i>Inflow & Infiltration (Item U)</i>	<u>1,000,000</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,400,000

Total Budget of Sewer Enterprise \$7,170,920

Revenues:

<i>Sewer Revenues</i>	\$7,145,920
<i>Sewer Mitigation Funds</i>	<u>25,000</u>
	\$7,170,920

Further, the \$945,920 raised and appropriated in the General Fund Operation Budget (Article 3) and \$1,400,000 in the Capital Budget (Article 4) be allocated to the Sewer Enterprise Fund for Funding, and seconded by S. Carney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 21 Appropriate Funds for OPEB Liability Trust Fund,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by S. Carney it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 22, Article 23, and Article 24 are deferred to April 13.

Article 25 Amend Zoning By-Law – Flood Plain Overlay District,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. McKinney it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 26 Amend Zoning By-Law – Table 1 in Sec. 3.1.6,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 27 Amend Zoning By-Law – Planning Board Associate Member,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 28 Amend Zoning By-Law – Construction Standards,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 29 Amend Zoning By-Law – Accessory Dwelling Unit,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 30 Amend Zoning By-Law – Other Accessory Uses,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 31 Amend Revised By-Laws – Sign Code,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by L. Timmins it was:
Voted In Favor 7-1(1-opposed S. Carney): That it be so voted.

Article 32 Amend Revised By-Laws – Open Space Advisory Committee,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 33 is deferred to April 13.

Article 34 Amend Chapter 13 of the Revised By-Laws – Retail Sale of Food – Exclusive of Alcoholic Beverages – Exempt from Provision,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted with the addition of the words “or innholder” after the words “common victualler” in the first sentence of the second paragraph of Section 42, and seconded by L. Timmins it was: **Voted In Favor 8-0:** That it be so voted.

Article 35 Amend Revised By-Laws Chapter 13 – Regulating Noise Levels of Motorcycles,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by W. McKinney it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 36 Amend Revised By-Laws – Defacement of Property,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by M. Driscoll it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 37 is deferred to April 13.

Article 38 Amend Revised By-Laws Chapter 22 – Council on Aging,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by L. Timmins it was:
Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 39 Amend Revised By-Laws – New Chapter – Stretch Energy Code,
A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by L. Timmins it was: with a discussion by Committee members as to where does the Town stand versus the State stand on this matter, and will the State adopt the International code, and if that is the case is the Town required to follow.
Voted In Favor 7-1(1-opposed W. Podolski): That it be so voted.

Article 40 Amend Revised By-Laws – New Chapter – Reducing the Environmental Impacts of Buildings in Dedham, A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by S. Carney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Articles 41 and 42 are deferred to April 13.

Article 43 Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire land or interests in land off High Street and Pottery Lane for School purposes,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by K. Young it was:

Voted In Favor 7-1(1-opposed S. Carney): That it be so voted.

Article 44 Vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to convey interests in land and about Pottery Lane,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by K. Young it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Article 45 Vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to lease land at Incinerator Road for Telecommunications Facilities, A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski with a discussion whom has control of the property, and Mr. Keegan responded to Committee questions and it was: **Voted In Favor 8-0:** That it be so voted.

Article 46 Vote to Petition General Court for Special Legislation to grant an additional Alcohol License, A motion by J. Heffernan that it be so voted, and seconded by W. Podolski it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be so voted.

Article 47 Vote to Accept Provisions of the 2010 Municipal Relief Act,

A motion by J. Heffernan that it be indefinitely postponed and seconded by W. McKinney it was:

Voted In Favor 8-0: That it be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Martin continued this hearing until next Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 6:30PM, and the meeting closed at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Marroncelli

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